

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) Base plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 15, whereby the opening or slot provides ~~of~~ an essentially rectangular or square cross section.
3. (currently amended) Base plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 15, whereby the guiding elements ~~consist of~~ comprise slots and/or guiding faces provided in the base plate, to which accordingly shaped stop faces of the electronic module may be brought into contact.
4. (currently amended) Base plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 15, whereby the opening or slot ~~consists of~~ comprises two oppositely arranged recesses each for an electronic module.
5. (currently amended) Base plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 15, whereby the electronic module ~~consists of~~ comprises electronic components such as amplifiers, switches, knobs etc.
6. (original) Base plate according to claim 5, whereby the electronic components are each provided as detachable modules.
7. (currently amended) Base plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 15, whereby the electronic module ~~consists of~~ comprises contacts for ~~the connection wit~~ with a battery or accumulator.
8. (currently amended) Base plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 15, whereby a cap is provided, closing ~~the a~~ a remaining ~~slot portion~~ portion of the opening after the insertion and shifting into ~~the final positions~~ position of the electronic module.

9. (currently amended) Base plate according to claim 8, whereby the cap is detachable and/or ~~pivotal~~ pivotably connected to the base plate.
10. (currently amended) Base plate according to claim 8, whereby at least one bar is arranged transverse to the opening and overarchng the opening and embedded within the base plate.
11. (currently amended) Base plate according to claim 8, whereby at least one bar is arranged serving as a pivotable fastener of the cap and as a guiding element for the electronic module.
12. (currently amended) Base plate according to claim 8, whereby ~~the~~ a rim of the cap in its closed state covers at least partially the electronic module such as that said electronic module remains fixed at its final position.
13. (currently amended) Hearing aid or hearing device respectively with a base plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 15 with a shell connected to the base plate enclosing the electronic module.
14. (currently amended) Use of a base plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 15 for hearing aids or hearing devices respectively.
15. (new) A base plate for reception of at least one electronic module, comprising:
an opening or slot within the base plate, wherein the electronic module is vertically insertable or connectable through the opening or slot respectively such that a part of the electronic module remains accessible from the insertion side or protrudes to the reverse side;
a recess in an area of the opening or slot of the base plate having a shape corresponding to a cross-sectional shape of the electronic module; and
guiding elements in an area of the recess such that the electronic module is laterally

insertable into the recess after vertical insertion or connection through the opening or slot.

16. (new) Base plate according to claim 15 further comprising a cap vertically insertable into the opening or slot and closing a portion of the opening or slot that remains open after the electronic module has been laterally inserted into the recess.

17. (new) Base plate according to claim 16 wherein the cap holds the electronic module in position in the recess.

18. (new) Base plate according to claim 16 wherein a second electronic module is vertically insertable or connectable through the opening or slot and laterally insertable into a second recess in an area of the opening or slot of the base plate having a shape corresponding to a cross-sectional shape of the second electronic module and the cap is insertable in between the one electronic module and the second electronic module.

19. (new) Base plate according to claim 15 wherein a second electronic module is vertically insertable or connectable through the opening or slot and laterally insertable into a second recess in an area of the opening or slot of the base plate having a shape corresponding to a cross-sectional shape of the second electronic module and a battery or accumulator is insertable between the one electronic module and the second electronic module.

20. (new) Base plate according to claim 19 further comprising a cap adapted to hold said battery or accumulator, said cap being vertically insertable into the opening or slot and closing a portion of the opening or slot that remains open after the electronic modules have been laterally inserted into the recesses.

21. (new) Base plate according to claim 15, wherein the stop faces of the electronic module engage in the slots and/or guiding faces of the guiding elements.